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**(Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3) and § 1.98) AND**  
**STATEMENT OF RELATEDNESS (Under M.P.E.P. § 2001.06(b))**

Sir:

The Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office action on the merits.

The Examiner is requested to consider the references noted on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 during examination of the above-identified patent application. These references are submitted for the Examiner's consideration and are submitted pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56. In submitting these references, no representation is made or implied that the references are or are not material to the examination of the application. The Examiner is encouraged to make his or her own determination of materiality. Pursuant to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's July 11, 2003 waiver of the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(i), only copies of the foreign references are provided.

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In satisfaction of the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and as required by M.P.E.P. § 2001.06(b), the Examiner is requested to consider the following application commonly owned by the Assignee of the present application and that may include subject matter similar to that of the present application:

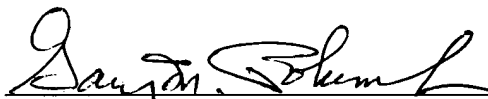
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If the examiner has any questions, please contact the undersigned attorney.

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